

"Having Louis teach us to dance took me into a world that I loved to go. He showed me steps like the Suzy Q and the Cuban-step. This helped me to understand the culture that he was living in. His culture was much different than mine he taught me how to sing and dance in a whole new different way. He showed me how to release myself and loosen up."

~Dance student



"I really learned a lot about the complexity of Latin beats, just how hard things can get. Luis boosted my confidence as well, he is very affirming and tried to get me very involved. He wasn't here long enough to learn everything I could, but I think he raised the level of the music department tremendously in only 2 weeks."

~ Erin

"It was a fabulous experience! ... The students not only enjoyed the experience, they learned from it."

~Principal Hamburge

"It was so much fun because it was so different and we will always remember it."

~ Stephanie

Did you notice anything about yourself that changed as a result of the residency?

"I became interested in a different kind of music. I am more interested in rhythmic music. I've seen music with not complicated melody, but difficult rhythm. I also learned how to use my ear (not eyes) to learn music."

~Bryan

"I became more interested in percussion. I also thought that the band as a whole played better and had more emotion and feeling with the unique and new percussion sound."

~Jesse

"I can now listen, understand and respect a new style of music. During the residency I became more open in expressing myself in singing."

~Joni

